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30-Day Public Comment Begins

Air District Makes Preliminary Decision to Issue Title V Permit to Shore Terminals in Crockett

The Air District has made a preliminary decision to grant a Title V federal operating permit to Shore Terminals (formerly Wickland Oil) located at 90 Highway 40 in Crockett. The facility receives and distributes petroleum products, such as gas and diesel fuel. This begins a 30-day public comment period which will end on Friday, December 22nd at 5 PM. During this time, members of the public may comment on any aspect of the proposed permit. A public hearing may also be scheduled. "We want to encourage the public to contact us to obtain a copy of the permit and other information related to the facility," said Ellen Garvey, the Air District's Executive Officer.

What is Title V?

Title V is part of the 1990 amendments to the Clean Air Act. It requires state and local governments to develop and implement operating permits for all major pollution emitting facilities. The EPA oversees the programs and the Air District is responsible for implementing Title V in the Bay Area, in accordance with Federal guidelines. Title V is intended to clarify the air quality permitting process by consolidating the multitude of federal, state, tribal, and local air pollution control regulations into one operating permit that covers all aspects of a facility's year-to-year air pollution activities. The Title V permit program is known as the Major Facility Review program and is found in Air District Regulation 2, Rule 6.

The Air District has administered a comprehensive operating permit program for over a decade. This permit is not new. It represents an integration of the existing permit program with Title V requirements. Public comment is important to the Title V process. A final permit decision will incorporate consideration of public comments on the preliminary issuance.

Copies of the proposed permit and Air District regulations are available on the District's website at www.baaqmd.gov. To obtain a hard copy of the permit, call the Air District's Public Information Office at (415) 749-4900 or make a written request to:

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Att: Title V Permit Request

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